

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests replacement of originally filed informal drawings sheets, and consideration of previously submitted and recently submitted information disclosure statements.

Drawings

Appendix A contains two (2) sheets of formal drawings that replace sheets nos. **11-13 (Figs. 21-28)** of the originally filed informal drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Request for Consideration and Acknowledgement of Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statements

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration and acknowledgement of the references listed in the following previously submitted Information Disclosure Statements and a recently submitted Information Disclosure Statement, copies of which are provided herewith in the attached **Appendix**, along with the associated acknowledgment pages:

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| C | 01/20/05 | IDS via facsimile (1 Other Prior Art Document) |

Request for Determination of Patent Term Adjustment

The Patent Term Adjustment to date for the instant application is 85 days. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment and the Information Disclosure Statement recently filed on 20 January 2005 may act to reduce the Patent Term Adjustment. Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Term Adjustment be recalculated after entry of this amendment and after consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement recently filed on 20 January 2005.

Summary and Conclusions

Replacement drawing sheets 11 and 12 have been filed for Figs. 21-28. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of two previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, and one recently filed Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is now in the proper form for Issuance.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Appendix A contains two (2) sheets of formal drawings that replace sheets nos. **11-13 (Figs. 21-28)** of the originally filed informal drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

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Appendix A

Replacement Drawing Sheets 11-12 (Figs. 21-28)

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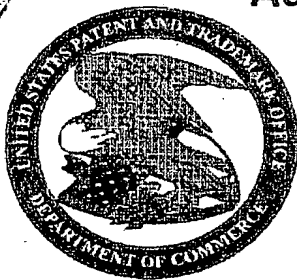
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Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)(1)

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. **10/202,242**, filed on July 23, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. **6,606,077**.

Enclosed herewith is the List of References Cited by Applicant (PTO-1449). These references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

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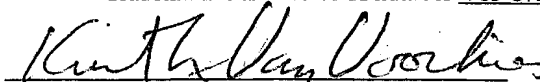
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Applicant, by submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, is otherwise "material to patentability," as that term is defined in that section.

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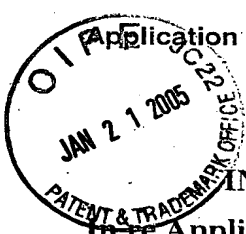
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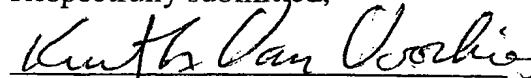
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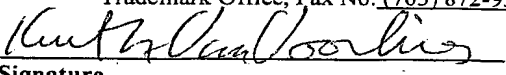
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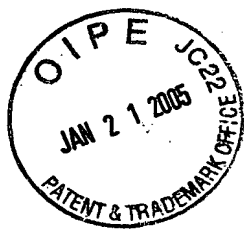


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